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1. During the visit of the Khrushchev group in Berlin 25X1
a member of the group expressed the 25X1
opinion that the Soviet government was prepared to make concessions to the West on the German question, although, he added, it should be obvious that the Russians could not be expected to give in immediately nor so smoothly as they had on the Austrian question. The invitation to Chancellor Adenauer was only a first step in this direction, but was indicative of a general trend.

2. The Soviet government was not concerned over the fate 25X1
of the East German government or of the SED. The East Germans, he said, would act in accordance with instructions, and the SED would have the same experience as the Austrian Communist Party. The general feeling among Soviet officials, 25X1
was that, regardless of the years of rule by the 25X1
Russians and the SED, East Germany would be used for bargaining at a time and a price determined by the development of the general political situation.

3. The "socialist sector" of East German agriculture could be disbanded, the member of the delegation thought, since it appeared rather unprofitable. The Russians would insist that no large estates be reestablished, and anticipate no difficulties in returning the land to other private owners.

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